



Office Memorandum

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Subject: Review of Proposed Rules of the Department of Employment and Economic Development
Relating to Unemployment Insurance; Modifying Appeals, Employer Records, and Worker
Status Provisions, Revisor's ID Number 4207

BACKGROUND

The Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) proposes to amend the rules governing unemployment insurance. Proposed changes relate to appeals, employer records, and worker status provisions. There are also changes to reflect the use of technology in the unemployment insurance system for scheduling and convening hearings, providing access to documents, and requesting benefits. The proposed amendments edit language for clarity, ease of understanding for participants in the process, and consistency with governing statutes. Some outdated rules are repealed.

EVALUATION

The proposed rule amendments are largely technical and are focused on ease of understanding, current practices, and consistency with statute. One of the proposed changes could result in a shorter time requirement for employers to retain records, due to the length of time during which audits are conducted. It is possible that employers may realize some savings as a result of this change.

On behalf of the Commissioner of Management & Budget, I have reviewed the proposed rule and related SONAR. Based upon the information provided to me by DEED, there does not appear to be significant costs to local units of government as a result of this proposed rule.

cc: Angela Vogt, Budget Division Team Leader